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Common Bird Name	Season Month/Day/Year of Observation	Count Numbers	Notes	Source
Horned grebe	9-22-2002	1	An uncommon to rare spring and fall migrant.	Larry Eineman
American bittern	4-21-2002	1	An uncommon to rare spring and fall migrant; perhaps more common if surveyed more often and thoroughly.	Larry Eineman
Least bittern	6-23-2001	1	An uncommon to rare spring and fall migrant	Larry Eineman
Great blue heron	Fall		This heron is likely to be found later in the fall, especially in the bed of Little Salt Creek	Larry Eineman
Great egret	4-29-2003 5-13-2003	1 1	An uncommon, post-breeding visitor to area from late spring to early fall	Larry Eineman
Snowy egret	8-1-1999	1	An uncommon to rare post-breeding visitor to area	Larry Eineman
Little blue heron	8-14-1999 5-13-2001	1 1	A rare to uncommon summer visitor	Larry Eineman
Cattle egret	9-26-2002	1	A rare to uncommon summer visitor	Larry Eineman
Green heron	8-1-1999 8-14-1999 8-20-1999 6-25-2000 7-4-2000 8-13-2000 8-27-2000 7-29-2001 5-4-2002 6-23-2002 4-17-2004 5-8-2004 7-10-2004 7-31-2004	3 3 3 1 1 5 4 3 1 1 1 1 1 1 4	A fairly common to uncommon summer resident and possible breeder. <u>Counts taken throughout IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Black-crowned night-heron	4-29-2003 5-9-2004	4 12	An uncommon spring/summer visitor	Larry Eineman
White-faced ibis	5-26-2001 5-16-2003	1 2	A rare spring/summer visitor	Larry Eineman
Wood duck	8-1-1999 6-9-2001 7-8-2001 4-3-2004	13 1 adult & 3 ducklings 8 7	A fairly common summer resident and breeder, first coming into the area in late March and with a few lingering to mid-October.	Larry Eineman
Green-winged teal	10-5-2004	44	A common spring and fall migrant with some occasional over-wintering in Little Salt Creek	Larry Eineman

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Blue-winged teal	4-28-2001	40	A common spring migrant and fairly common summer breeder, arriving by mid-March and leaving the area by September.	Larry Eineman
	5-5-2001	35		
	7-8-2001	1 adult & 9 ducklings	The ponds and creek beds in the area also attract small numbers of mallards, northern pintails, northern shovelers, American widgeons, redheads, lesser scaups, gadwalls, and buffleheads.	
	4-6-2002	15		
	4-3-2004	31		
	5-9-2004	57		
Hooded merganser	3-20-2004	4	An uncommon to rare migrant	Larry Eineman
Northern harrier			A winter visitor occurring in small numbers from late August into March <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Swainson's hawk	3-18-2003	1	A rare spring and fall migrant	Larry Eineman
Red-tailed hawk			A fairly common year-round resident and breeder <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Ring-necked pheasant			A fairly common year-round resident and breeder <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Sora	8-13-2000	1	An uncommon to rare spring and fall migrant. Its secretive nature makes it difficult to detect and may be more common than indicated.	Larry Eineman
	4-28-2002	1		
	5-11-2002	3		
	5-25-2002	1		
	9-8-2002	6		
Virginia rails			Found in the area prior to 1999. They are even more difficult to find than soras	Larry Eineman
American coots			Fairly common migrants in the spring and fall <u>throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u> A few may breed locally.	Larry Eineman
Killdeer	8-13-2000	35	A common summer resident and breeder, arriving in the area in March and remaining in small numbers into October	Larry Eineman
	7-8-2001	42		
	7-14-2001	56		

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Greater yellowlegs			An uncommon migrant during spring (late March to mid-May) and fall (August to mid-October) migration. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Lesser yellowlegs	5-7-2000 4-28-2001 8-31-2002 9-8-2002 10-5-2002 3-28-2004 5-2-2004	15 24 10 24 19 6 13	A fairly common spring and fall migrant (late March to mid-May and from July to early October).	Larry Eineman
Willet	5-11-2002	1	A rare to uncommon spring migrant.	Larry Eineman
Hudsonian godwit	5-10-2003	1	A rare to uncommon spring and fall migrant.	Larry Eineman
Sanderling	5-7-2000	8	An uncommon to rare May and August and September migrant	Larry Eineman
Semipalmated sandpiper	5-7-2000 4-28-2002 5-27-2003	50 18 15	A fairly common late April and May and August to early September migrant.	Larry Eineman
Western sandpiper	5-7-2000 5-11-2002	1 3	A rare to very uncommon May and August to early September migrant	Larry Eineman
Least sandpiper	5-7-2000 8-13-2000 8-27-2000	50 8 11	A common May and August and September migrant. During drought this species is likely to be found in Little Salt Creek west of Arbor Lake.	Larry Eineman
White-rumped sandpiper	5-7-2000	40	A fairly common spring migrant from late April to early June.	Larry Eineman
Baird's sandpiper	4-21-2002	13	A fairly common early spring migrant (early April into May) and fall migrant (late July to early October).	Larry Eineman
Pectoral sandpiper	5-7-2000 8-13-2000	25 55	A fairly common May migrant and August to September migrant.	Larry Eineman
Dunlin	5-10-2003	4	A rare to very uncommon May migrant that could be found on migration in August and September.	Larry Eineman
Stilt sandpiper	5-7-2000 10-24-2004	15 2	A fairly common May migrant and August to October fall migrant	Larry Eineman

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Buff-breasted sandpiper	8-27-2000	3	A rare to very rare fall migrant.	Larry Eineman
	8-31-2002	1		
Long-billed dowitcher	5-7-2000	20	A fairly common May and August into September migrant.	Larry Eineman
	5-2-2004	20		
	10-24-2004	4		
Wilson's snipe	11-15-2001	5	A fairly common migrant found from April and early May and from late August through late November	Larry Eineman
	4-6-2002	10		
	9-8-2002	6		
	9-22-2002	11		
	9-28-2002	38		
	10-5-2002	5		
	10-13-2002	13		
	10-26-2002	16		
	11-26-2002	1		
4-17-2004	10			
10-24-2004	8			
Wilson's phalarope	5-7-2000	50	A fairly common to common spring migrant from late April into May and less common migrant in the fall. A few may linger for breeding.	Larry Eineman
	5-26-2001	7		
	6-9-2001	2		
	7-4-2001	1		
	7-8-2001	1		
	7-14-2001	1		
	7-21-2001	1		
	4-21-2002	6		
	5-11-2002	145		
	5-12-2002	40		
	6-9-2002	1		
	7-7-2002	1		
5-10-2003	35			
5-2-2004	16			
Franklin's gull	4-21-2002	125	A common spring migrant (April and May) and less common in the fall (August to October).	Larry Eineman
	4-28-2002	450		
	5-11-2002	25		
Ring-billed gull	11-1-2001	92	A rather common migrant from late March into early May and from October into early December.	Larry Eineman
	11-15-2001	800		
	11-25-2001	1,200		
	12-1-2001	25		
11-19-2002	100			
Herring gull	11-15-2001	3	An uncommon migrant likely to be found in much smaller numbers than the ring-billed gull, but during the same time frame.	Larry Eineman
	11-25-2001	3		
	12-1-2001	3		
Common tern	5-25-2002	5	A very uncommon to rare migrant in May and less common in the fall.	Larry Eineman

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Black tern	5-26-2001	25	A fairly common migrant from mid-May into early June and in August.	Larry Eineman
	5-11-2002	13		
	8-24-2002	2		
	5-10-2003	1		
Cliff swallow	5-12-2002	50	A common summer resident and breeder.	Larry Eineman
	5-25-2002	40		
	5-16-2003	50		
Barn swallow	9-28-2002	30	A common summer resident and breeder from May through early October	Larry Eineman
Sedge wren	6-9-2002	1	An uncommon May migrant and August into October migrant with possible breeding occurring.	Larry Eineman
	9-28-2002	1		
	10-5-2002	1		
	10-20-2002	1		
Marsh wren	5-11-2002	4	A fairly common spring migrant (late April into May) and fall migrant (September into October) and possible breeder.	Larry Eineman
	5-25-2002	2		
	6-9-2002	1		
	6-15-2002	1		
	9-22-2002	1		
	9-28-2002	6		
	4-29-2003	1		
	5-16-2003	5		
	5-21-2003	1		
	5-2-2004	2		
	5-9-2004	1		
10-17-2004	2			
12-18-2004	1			
American pipet	10-5-2004	12	An uncommon spring and fall migrant occurring around lakes and ponds.	Larry Eineman
	10-30-2004	8		
Mourning dove			A common summer resident and breeder. A few generally overwinter. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Common yellowthroat	9-28-2002	5	A common summer resident and breeder, becoming less common in the fall during migration in August and September.	Larry Eineman
Blue grosbeak	8-1-1999	1	An uncommon to rare summer resident and possible breeder, suggesting fall migration.	Larry Eineman
Dickcissel	7-4-2001	5	A common summer resident and breeder in the area arriving by mid-May and leaving by late August	Larry Eineman
	6-12-2002	2		

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Savannah sparrow	11-1-2001	12	A fairly common to common migrant (April into May) and fall migrant from late September to mid-November.	Larry Eineman
	4-28-2002	5		
	10-13-2002	8		
	10-20-2002	2		
	10-18-2003	10		
	10-23-2003	35		
	4-17-2004	16		
10-17-2004	6			
Grasshopper sparrow			A fairly common migrant (late April and May) becoming less common in the fall. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u> Some breed in the Whitehead Saline Wetlands.	Larry Eineman
Le Conte's sparrow	10-18-2003	4	A fairly common migrant in October that is not seen too often during spring migration.	Larry Eineman
	10-17-2004	9		
	10-24-2004	13		
Nelson's sharp-tailed sparrow	10-14-2001	1	An uncommon May migrant and late September into October migrant.	Larry Eineman
	10-18-2003	4		
	10-26-2003	1		
Swamp sparrow	10-17-2004	2	An uncommon May migrant and fall migrant from late September into October.	Larry Eineman
Red-winged blackbird	10-5-2002	3,500	A common to abundant summer resident and breeder, occurring in small flocks from 25 to 200 during migration in March and April and from September into October.	Larry Eineman
Eastern meadowlark	3-29-2003	2	Fairly common to uncommon in area during the summer. Breeding occurs in the Whitehead Saline Wetlands.	Larry Eineman
	11-15-2003	1		
Western meadowlark			A fairly common to common year-round resident and breeder. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman

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Yellow-headed blackbird	5-26-2001	4	An uncommon migrant in the spring, becoming less common in the fall with a few breeding in the area.	Larry Eineman
	6-3-2001	2		
	6-9-2001	3		
	6-23-2001	1		
	7-4-2001	2		
	7-29-2001	1		
	5-25-2002	4		
	6-9-2002	4		
	6-15-2002	4		
	6-23-2002	2		
	4-29-2003	8		
	5-13-2003	3		
	5-16-2003	6		
	None were sighted in the area in 2004			
Rusty blackbird	11-5-2001	2	An uncommon to rare autumn migrant with few overwintering in the county.	Larry Eineman
	11-25-2001	1		
Brewer's blackbird	4-28-2002	18	A rare to uncommon spring migrant.	Larry Eineman
Great-tailed grackle	3-25-2001	40	An uncommon to fairly common summer resident and breeder with a few overwintering.	Larry Eineman
	4-14-2001	70		
	4-28-2001	10		
	5-6-2001	12		
	7-8-2001	10		
	6-23-2002	7		
	6-29-2002	21		
6-29-2003	6			
Brown-headed cowbird			A common summer resident and breeder, occurring from April through September. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman
Baltimore oriole			A fairly common summer resident and breeder in the area, occurring from late April into early September. <u>Found throughout the IBA saline wetland areas.</u>	Larry Eineman